

Peoria High School Sports in the 1930s

The highlights of the 1930s for sports at Peoria High School were two state championships, one in football and one in basketball.



**1937 State Six-Man Football State Champions
Coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford**



**1937 State Basketball Champions
Coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford**

Team Roster:

Tommy Ribelin	Center
Gene Holmes	Guard
Ed Taylor	Guard
George Wacker	Guard
Ashton McLeod	Guard
Milton Austerman	Forward
Stanley Shawler	Forward
Lyle Cook	Forward
Herbert Perry	Center
Joe Holly	Forward



PEORIA

BOYS

BASKETBALL

STATE

CHAMPIONS

1937

SPOTLIGHT

Coach Edgar “Mutt” Ford

- Coach Ford played football at Northern Arizona University from 1929-1932.
- He was elected to the NAU Hall of Fame in 1982.
- He began his teaching and coaching career at Peoria High School as a football and basketball coach.
- He won state championships in football and basketball at Peoria High School in 1937.
- He went on to coach at Mesa High School where he was head coach from 1945 – 1966.
- At Mesa, he won the football State Championship in 1960.
- After Mesa High School he went to Westwood High School where he won the State Championship in 1964 and was a runner-up in 1966.
- As a basketball coach, he won State Championships at Peoria in 1937 and Mesa in 1946.
- When he retired from coaching football he had a total of 242 wins.
- At the time of his retirement, he had won eight State Championships.
- Coach Ford was inducted into the first class of the Arizona Coaches Hall of Fame in 1984.
- Remember Peoria gave him his beginnings as a coach!